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WHAT ARE ALL OF YOU GIGGLING ABOUT?
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RAISIN CANE'S REVIEW OF THE CHOWHOUSE IN CAROB COUNTY.
SHE'S MY COUSIN, SO OF COURSE IT'S DRIPPING WITH SASS.
I DIDN'T KNOW YOU AND SWEET HAD A COUSIN.
WE DON'T REALLY HANG OUT.
I KNOW I SHOULDN'T LAUGH—BUT IT'S JUST SO FUNNY!
THIS IS PRETTY ROUGH...
DO YOU REALLY THINK THEIR GRAVY IS SO GRITTY IT'S LIKE EATING SAND?

OBVIOUSLY THERE'S NO WAY TO KNOW THAT WITHOUT ACTUALLY EATING SAND.
I DON'T KNOW...
I'D FEEL REALLY BAD IF SOMEONE WROTE A REVIEW LIKE THIS ABOUT THE BERRY BITTY CAFE.
STRAWBERRY, CRITICISM IS A NORMAL PART OF THE RESTAURANT BUSINESS.
IT'S ALSO HILARIOUS.
HEY SWEET, DID YOU SEE THAT PART WHERE SHE SAID THE ONION RINGS WERE IN A POOL OF GREASE SO DEEP YOU COULD SWIM IN IT?
I DID! BUT I CAN'T WAIT TO READ IT AGAIN.
WELL, CONSTRUCTIVE CRITICISM IS NORMAL, RASPBERRY...
I DON'T KNOW IF SAYING "GRUBBY'S PERSONAL STYLE MATCHES HIS NAME" IS CONSTRUCTIVE...
BERRYKIN BLOOM!
OH! H-HELLO, STRAWBERRY...
I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT LIKE TO GO OVER THE CATERING MENU FOR YOUR BIANNUAL FAMILY REUNION—THIS IS THE YEAR, RIGHT? IT'S ON MY CALENDAR!
OH, YES... ABOUT THAT...

IT'S JUST... YOU SEE...
I HAVEN'T MADE UP MY MIND WHO SHOULD CATER MY EVENT THIS YEAR.
OH!
I'M SO SORRY! I SHOULDN'T HAVE ASSUMED...
NO, I'M SORRY! I'VE BEEN MEANING TO TELL YOU...
IT'S JUST THAT I'VE DONE IT SO MANY TIMES, UM...
I KNOW! AND YOU'VE DONE A SPECTACULAR JOB—
OH! I WAITED UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE AND MADE THINGS AWKWARD.
THIS IS ALL MY FAULT...
ACTUALLY...
IT'S MOSTLY MY FAULT.
RAISIN CANE?
IT'S AN HONOR TO MEET ME, I KNOW. MY FANS SAY IT ALL THE TIME.
I JUST DID THE BERRYKIN HERE A SERVICE BY TELLING HIM ABOUT THE EXTRAS HE CAN GET IF HE GOES ELSEWHERE—
LIKE PIEMAN'S ON PORCUPINE PEAK, FOR INSTANCE.
HE DID OFFER ME SOME SIGNIFICANT PERKS—
—EVEN A MACARON TOWER CENTERPIECE!

THAT IS A GOOD DEAL.
IT TOTALLY IS. BUT DON'T WORRY—
—SOMEDAY WHEN YOU'RE A BIGGER OPERATION, YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO COMPETE.
I REALLY HAVEN'T MADE UP MY MIND YET, STRAWBERRY. I DON'T KNOW PIEMAN'S VERY WELL...
THIS IS SUCH A BIG DECISION...
WHAT IF WE HAD A TASTE TEST? A SIDE-BY-SIDE COMPARISON?
MAYBE THAT WOULD HELP ME MAKE UP MY MIND...
"AND EASE MY CONSCIENCE..."
feel the grind
PIEMAN'S
on Porcupine Peak

SO THEN I ASKED THE GUY, "WHY CLEAN YOUR SOCKS ANYWAY? ISN'T THAT JUST GIVING IN TO THE SYSTEM?"
DING DING
SERVICE PLEASE?
WHY, STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE...
WHAT AN UNEXPECTED PLEASURE. HOW CAN I HELP YOU?
OH, I WAS JUST CURIOUS ABOUT SOMETHING...
HOW DID A BRAND NEW CAFÉ OWNER CONVINCE A TOUGH FOODIE BLOGGER LIKE RAISIN CANE TO BE SUCH AN ENTHUSIASTIC PROMOTER?
I CAN'T IMAGINE. MUST HAVE BEEN MY UNIQUE SET OF SKILLS.
THAT IS REALLY IMPRESSIVE.
ALL RIGHT THEN... IF YOU'RE SO GOOD AT WINNING OVER THE CRITICS—
—YOU SHOULD BE COMPLETELY OK WITH HAVING A TASTING CHALLENGE TO DECIDE WHO CATERS THE BLOOM REUNION.
MOST VOTES FROM THE AUDIENCE WINS.
IS THERE TEA IN HERE SOMEWHERE?
I ACCEPT YOUR CHALLENGE—
AND MY FOOD IS GOING TO KNOCK YOUR SOCKS OFF.
WELL, IF IT DOES...
AT LEAST MY SOCKS WILL BE CLEAN.

♫
READY FOR BERRIES?
STRAWBERRY
TAP TAP
DO YOU HAVE PERMISSION TO POST THAT, YOUNG MAN?
NO, I GUESS I DON'T...
I JUST SAW ALL THESE OTHER POSTERS AND I THOUGHT—
PIE EVERYTHING
BERRY BITTY CITY BYLAW NUMBER 41, SECTION B...
ALL PUBLIC POSTINGS MUST HAVE THE BERRY BITTY OFFICIAL STAMP OF APPROVAL!
OK, OK!
HOW DO I GET A PERMIT?
I'LL SEND YOU ONE IN THE MAIL. PLEASE SIGN AND REVIEW ALL THIRTY PAGES, AND WHEN YOU MAIL IT BACK, MAKE SURE IT'S NOTARIZED.
DON'T EXPECT A RESPONSE FOR AT LEAST THREE WEEKS. HAVE A NICE DAY!

WHAT'S WRONG, HUCKLEBERRY PIE?
BERRY BITTY BUREAUCRACY.

LOOKS LIKE THESE POSTERS ARE *NOT* GOING TO BE PART OF THIS CAMPAIGN.
WHILE WE'RE ON THE SUBJECT, HAVE YOU SEEN WHAT'S HAPPENING TO YOUR SHOUT SCORE?
THAT RESTAURANT REVIEW WEBSITE?
NO. WHY?

WHERE DID ALL OF THESE NEGATIVE REVIEWS COME FROM?
I DON'T RECOGNIZE ANY OF THESE REVIEWERS...

I THINK IT MIGHT HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH RAISIN CANE'S LATEST BLOG POST. SHE SAID SHE HAD A "BAD EXPERIENCE."
SHE KIND OF ENCOURAGED HER FANS TO GIVE YOU THEIR "FEEDBACK" ON HER BEHALF.

"—THE OWNER, STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE, DELIBERATELY IGNORED ME SO SHE COULD CHAT WITH HER FRIENDS AND, AFTER I GOT HER ATTENTION, FORGOT TO TAKE MY ORDER."
THAT'S NOT WHAT HAPPENED!
STRAWBERRY! WAIT 'TIL YOU HEAR!

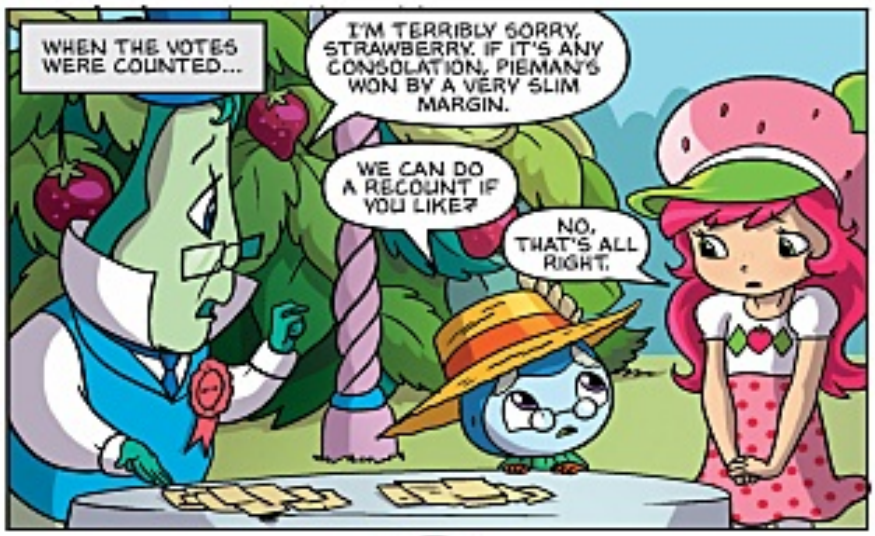
I THOUGHT HER PRAISE FOR PIEMAN'S WAS A LITTLE SUSPICIOUS, SO LEMON AND I DID SOME RESEARCH—
RAISIN CANE IS THE FOUNDER OF THE PURPLE PIEMAN FAN CLUB!
HE HAS A CLUB?
WE FOUND THE INFO IN ONE OF HER SOCIAL MEDIA PROFILES.
AND SOCIAL MEDIA NEVER LIES!
...Aww.
"WE DID SOME ADDITIONAL UNDERCOVER WORK JUST TO BE SURE.
"ANYTHING SHE WANTS, HE MAKES IT RIGHT AWAY.
"THERE'S NO QUESTION ABOUT IT—THEY ARE IN CAHOOTS."
Specials
"CAHOOTS?" YOU READ TOO MANY MYSTERY NOVELS, BLUEBERRY.
IF THAT'S EVEN POSSIBLE—YES.
BUT THIS IS SOMETHING THE WORLD DESERVES TO KNOW.
!

"EVERYONE KNOWS WHAT YOU'RE UP TO—YOU'RE GOING TO LOSE THE TASTING CHALLENGE TOMORROW, AND YOU'LL DO *ANYTHING* TO CHANGE THE NARRATIVE—

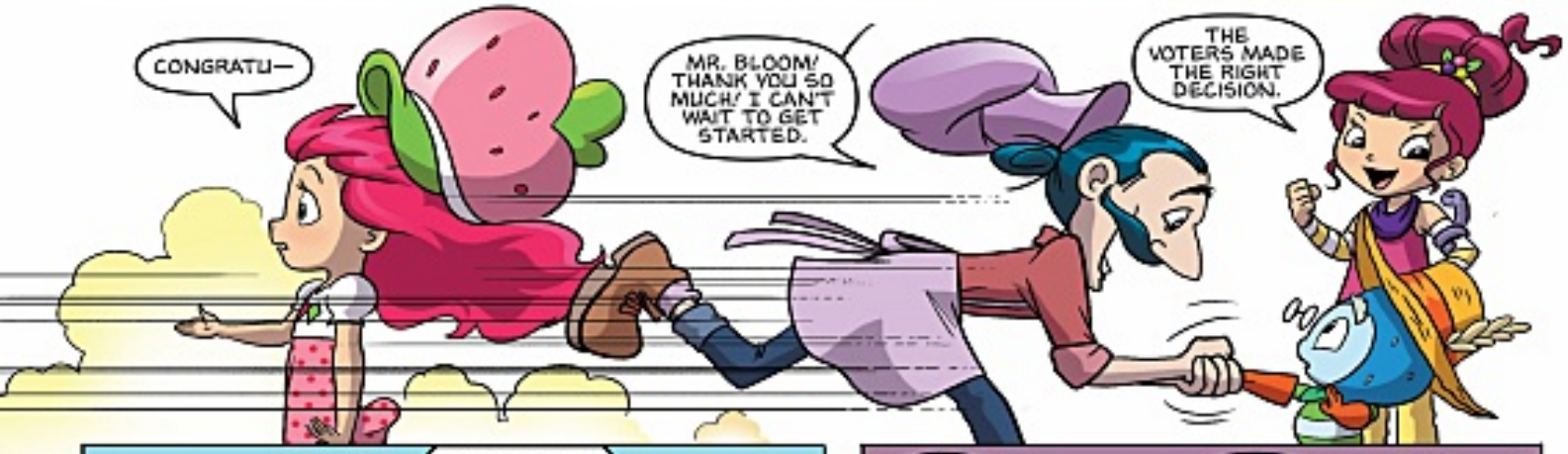
"EVEN TRY TO 'PROVE' I HAVE A CONFLICT OF INTEREST.

"SINCE I NEVER MADE MY ASSOCIATION WITH PPFC A SECRET, ALL THIS *REALLY* REVEALS IS HOW LOW YOU'RE WILLING TO GO!"

IF SHE WAS UPFRONT ABOUT IT, AT LEAST ONE OF HER ARTICLE'S MIGHT HAVE MENTIONED THE CONNECTION.
OH, I DON'T HAVE TIME FOR THIS!
"I'VE GOT TO BE READY FOR TOMORROW."
EVERYTHING IS DELICIOUS, STRAWBERRY... JUST LIKE ALWAYS.
I KNOW I CAN'T OFFER AS MANY EXTRA TREATS AS PIEMAN'S, BUT I APPRECIATE YOUR GIVING ME A CHANCE ANYWAY.
AND THANK YOU FOR BEING SO UNDERSTANDING! BUT IT'S NOT MY DECISION ANYMORE...
"NOW IT'S UP TO THE VOTERS."
PLUNK


WHEN THE VOTES WERE COUNTED...
I'M TERRIBLY SORRY, STRAWBERRY. IF IT'S ANY CONSOLATION, PIEMAN'S WON BY A VERY SLIM MARGIN.
WE CAN DO A RECOUNT IF YOU LIKE?
NO, THAT'S ALL RIGHT.

I AGREED TO A FAIR VOTE...
NOW I HAVE TO GIVE CREDIT WHERE CREDIT IS DUE.


CONGRATU—
MR. BLOOM! THANK YOU SO MUCH! I CAN'T WAIT TO GET STARTED.
THE VOTERS MADE THE RIGHT DECISION.

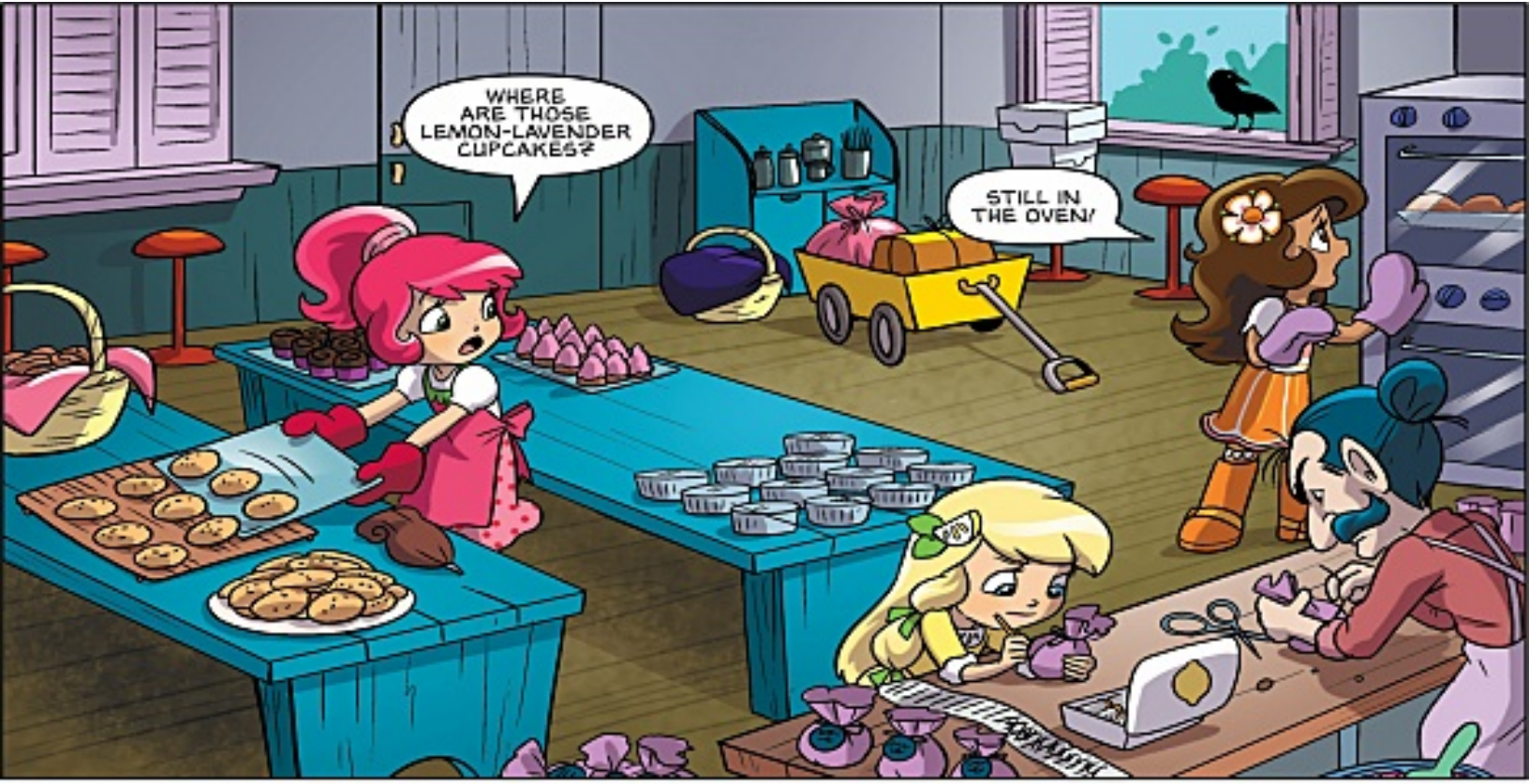
NOW, DOWN TO BUSINESS. HOW MANY ARE ON THE GUEST LIST?
LET'S SEE... THERE'S BERRYKIN EARL AND BERRYKIN CARL AND OF COURSE MY AUNT... HER COUSINS... *THEIR* COUSINS...

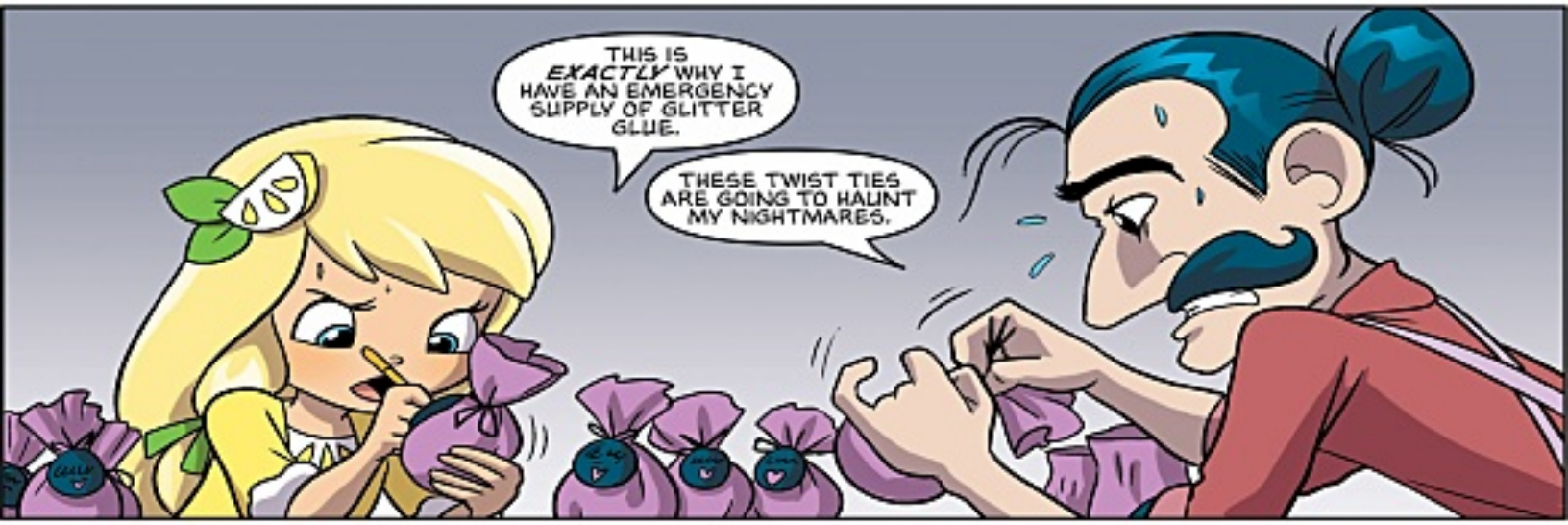
H-HOW MANY—?
THEN THERE'S THE BRANCH ON LAVA CAKE LAKE AND THE BRANCH IN SALT LICK CITY, TWICE REMOVED... OR WAS THAT THREE TIMES?
MAYBE YOU'D BETTER SEE THE LIST...

AND WE'RE ALL *REALLY* LOOKING FORWARD TO THE PERSONALIZED GOODIE BAGS!

CLOSED for PRIVATE EVENT.
SINCE WHEN DO I OFFER PERSONALIZED GOODIE BAGS?
THROWING THEM IN SWEETENED THE DEAL. I THOUGHT YOU WANTED TO GET THIS GIG?
I WANTED TO CATER AN EVENT, NOT MAKE GOODIE BAGS FOR "BERRYKINS TIMES INFINITY"—
—OR A MACARON TOWER CENTERPIECE. WATCH IT!
THIS IS WHY YOU NEED ME, PURPS. YOU HAVE TO SAY WHATEVER TO SEAL THE DEAL.
YOU JUST DON'T KNOW AS MUCH ABOUT SELF-PROMOTION AS YOU THINK YOU DO.

MAYBE NOT...
BUT I DO KNOW A FEW THINGS ABOUT SELF-PRESERVATION...
WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE THE DESSERT MENU? WE HAVE A REALLY NICE SLICE OF—
—PIE?!
STRAWBERRY! ONCE AGAIN, I HUMBLY BEG YOU FOR YOUR HELP...
WITHOUT YOU, THE REUNION TOMORROW WILL BE A COMPLETE DISASTER!
BUT WHAT ABOUT EVERYTHING YOU PROMISED BERRYKIN BLOOM? I THOUGHT—
AH, WELL... IT SEEMS RAISIN MAY HAVE... OVERPROMISED.
EVER SO SLIGHTLY.
AND I JUST CAN'T BEAR TO SHOW UP TOMORROW WITHOUT ENOUGH FOOD AND SEE ALL OF THOSE DISAPPOINTED FACES...
WE DON'T WANT TO LET THE DEAR LITTLE FARMER DOWN, DO WE?


WHERE ARE THOSE LEMON-LAVENDER CUPCAKES?
STILL IN THE OVEN!


THIS IS *EXACTLY* WHY I HAVE AN EMERGENCY SUPPLY OF GLITTER GLUE.
THESE TWIST TIES ARE GOING TO HAUNT MY NIGHTMARES.

KEEP GOING, TEAM... YOU'RE DOING GREAT!

"I THINK WE'LL HAVE ENOUGH FOR EVERYONE TOMORROW."
Berryki
Bloom
FARMS
COME AND GET IT!
WHOA!
EEP!
MMMM...

SECOND BATCH!
YOU REALLY CAME TO THE RESCUE, STRAWBERRY.
AFTER EVERYTHING I WROTE ABOUT YOU, I'M NOT SURE WHY—
—BUT I'M GLAD YOU DID ANYWAY.
WELL, I COULDN'T DISAPPOINT BERRYKIN BLOOM AND—WAIT!
WAS THAT AN APOLOGY?
AS CLOSE TO ONE AS I EVER GET.
I'M SO GLAD EVERYTHING WORKED OUT. I FEEL GOOD ENOUGH TO TAKE ON AN EVENT TWICE THIS SIZE!
YEAH, TAKE IT DOWN A NOTCH, PURPS.
SENSATIONAL FAMILY REUNION! EVERYONE IS THRILLED.
WELL—ER, PERHAPS...
BUT THEN AGAIN...
YOU TWO SHOULD WORK TOGETHER MORE OFTEN!
COMPETITION IS HEALTHY TOO!
End.

BERRY City Festival
YOU COULDN'T EVEN CALL TO SAY...
YOU WERE TOO BUSY THAT DAY...
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TOO BUSY TO SEE YOUR FRIEND.
YOU NEEDED TO READ THE NEW BOOK'S END.
IS... IS THIS SONG... ABOUT ME?
I DON'T NEED TO BE A DETECTIVE TO KNOW YOU'D RATHER READ "PATTY PERSIMMON" THAN SHOW UP TO HELP ME WITH MY TALENT SHOW SONG...
...WHICH JUST SEEMS WRONG.
UM. I THINK THIS SONG IS ABOUT ME.
AW, YOU'RE LOOKING INTO IT TOO MUCH!
SO IF MY SONG DID COME OUT LAME, YOU ARE PARTIALLY TO BLAME.

...IT WAS SUCH A HEARTFELT SONG! I JUST LOVED IT!
IT'S SO CATCHY! "I DON'T NEED TO BE A DETECTIVE TO KNOW..."
THANKS.
I'M SORRY I FORGOT TO HANG OUT WITH YOU, CHERRY! BUT YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO WRITE A MEAN SONG ABOUT ME.
I TOLD BLUEBERRY THE SONG WASN'T *ABOUT HER*! IT'S JUST A SONG, BLUEBERRY!
OH, NO, BLUEBERRY! THAT WASN'T ABOUT YOU. I'M NOT MAD AT YOU FOR FORGETTING ABOUT OUR PLANS. IT'S FINE. NO ONE'S PERFECT.
R-REALLY? YOU'RE NOT MAD?
I'D COMPLETELY FORGOTTEN ABOUT IT.

BERRY CITY TALENT SHOW, DAY 2
BERRY City Fes
I DIDN'T KNOW HOW TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH. INSTEAD I JUST TRIED TO SOOTHE YOUR FEELINGS.
YESTERDAY, OH, I WON'T LIE, I SANG A SONG 'BOUT BLUEBERRY PIE...
OKAY, YOU CAN'T SAY THIS SONG ISN'T ABOUT ME.
IT'S ART! ART ISN'T CUT AND DRY LIKE THAT!
THIS IS THE ONLY WAY I KNOW HOW TO SAY MY FEELINGS WERE WOUNDED, SO WAS MY PRIDE, WHICH IS STILL NO EXCUSE FOR ME HAVING LIED.
I FEEL BAD IF I'VE MADE YOU UPSET. I HOPE YOU'LL FORGIVE AND FORGET.
CHERRY! I'VE GOT SOMETHING FOR YOU.

W-WOW! BLUEBERRY! THESE LYRICS ARE GREAT!
BERRY CITY TALENT SHOW, DAY 3
BERRY City Festival
FRIENDS CAN SOMETIMES MAKE MISTAKES. FRIENDS CAN MAKE YOU FEEL HEARTACHE, BUT FRIENDS CAN ALSO HELP YOU THROUGH EVERYTHING YOU HAVE TO DO...
I'M SO GLAD WE'VE MADE UP!
ME TOO, CHERRY. YOU KNOW, YOU CAN ALWAYS TELL ME IF I HURT YOUR FEELINGS. I'D RATHER KNOW.
I... I'LL TRY. I JUST FEEL LIKE I MIGHT HURT YOUR FEELINGS IF I TELL YOU MY FEELINGS ARE HURT. IT'S... IT'S COMPLICATED SOMETIMES.
I KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN. HONESTY CAN BE AWKWARD.
GOOD NIGHT!
NIGHT!
"I DON'T NEED TO BE A DETECTIVE TO KNOW..."
...OKAY, THAT SONG IS *REALLY* CATCHY.
End.

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LEMON PUFF TWISTS

Lemon came into the café this morning looking like she'd eaten a rotten olaliberry. "I've cancelled all my appointments for the rest of the day," she exclaimed. "I think I'm going to hang up my scissors and retire, I've really done it this time."

Now Lemon can get a little bit dramatic, but following in soon after was Raspberry Torte. Her hair was a tangled beehive, and she was dripping sticky suds behind her. She looked frazzled, but when she saw Lemon, she gave her a big smile.

"You didn't need to run off," Raspberry said, "I'm not mad at you. I was just a little shocked, and... really sticky." "We can fix this," she said confidently, and then quietly she asked me, "We can fix this, right?"

Over tea and cake, I got the whole sticky story. Hair guru Lemon isn't content to have last year's products. She read an article called "16 New Chemical Free Do's." The part she was most excited about was a recipe for a new all-natural honey hair styling gel you could make at home. The pearparazzi had snapped Fran G Pan leaving a salon, and she said she swore by the stuff. Lemon was so eager to try making the new gel that instead of measuring, she did a little bit of eyeballing and a lot of guessing.

Poking Raspberry's hair, I said, "Looks like you made a glue, not a gel, but don't worry, we'll have Raspberry's hair back to it's berry best in no time. As a baker, I know honey sticks to everything, but if we use a lot of hot water, it'll be gone faster than a hummingbird on a honey high."

As we finished washing out Raspberry's hair I said, "It's a shame you are no longer a professional stylist Lemon, because I could really use someone good at braiding and twisting for my newest recipe and I think you'd really like it." As soon as I said the words "Lemon Pastry Twist," Lemon's short retirement was over.

RECIPE

1 sheet frozen puff pastry, defrosted
Flour for rolling
2 tbsp unsalted butter, melted
1/2 cup turbinado sugar (Sugar in the Raw)
2 tsp lemon zest

1) Take your puff pastry out, and defrost according to directions on box.
2) Ask your assistant to help you zest the lemon with a grater. You may need to clean your lemons in hot water first if they are waxed. My café customers don't like to consume candles!
3) Stir together zest and the sugar.
4) Have your assistant preheat oven to 400°F. Line two baking sheets with parchment paper.
5) Sprinkle a generous amount of flour onto a clean surface.
Unfold defrosted puff pastry gently.
6) Dust your rolling pin, and roll the puff pastry until it's about an eighth of an inch thick.
7) Using a pizza cutter, cut the puff pastry crosswise into 12 even strips. Leave them together.
8) Have your assistant melt butter in the microwave just until it's liquid. Paint the cut puff pastry with the butter, then sprinkle on the lemon and sugar.
9) Peel apart the strips, and twist two in a corkscrew by holding them both at opposite ends and twisting in opposite directions.
10) If you are more adventurous like Lemon, instead, put three on the sheet and begin to braid.
11) Bake for six minutes, then have your assistant rotate the pan while you peek at the puffs as they puff up!
12) Bake for about another six minutes, until plump, puffed, and golden brown. Have your assistant remove the puffs. Cool them down, then eat them up!

That's all we have time for this month.
We'd love to hear from you!

Send us your Shortcake selfies, well wishes, and baking recipes so we can print them! Make sure you mark any emails or letters with 'Okay To Print' somewhere. Address is at the top of the previous page!

Having a Berry Fun Time,

David Hedgecock
Managing Editor

FROM THE PUBLISHER'S DESK

Ted Adams here. I'm going to be your monthly guide through the IDW/Top Shelf checklist, pointing out our big hits and bringing your attention to some gems that you might otherwise miss.

Chris Ryall's dream has come true: IDW is publishing ***Rom***. IDW and Hasbro have been working together on comics for more than a decade and I don't think a week's gone by when Chris hasn't been trying to find a way for us to publish *Rom*.

His dreams came true when we launched *Rom* as part of this year's Free Comic Book Day event and continue in July with the release of the first issue. Chris is joined on writing duties by **Christos Gage** and long-time IDW artist, **David Messina**, is handling the art. The heavy-hitters providing covers for the first issue include **J.H. Williams III**, **P. Craig Russell**, **Michael Golden**, **Sal Buscema**, **Zach Howard**, and **Tom Whalen**.

July is also ***Rom* cover month** at IDW and you'll find him featured on ***Action Man*** #2, ***Back to the Future*** #10, ***G.I. Joe: A Real American Hero*** #230, ***Jem and the Holograms*** #17, ***Judge Dredd*** #8, ***Micronauts*** #4, ***My Little Pony: Friendship is Magic*** #44, ***My Little Pony: Friends Forever*** #30, ***Star Trek*** #59, ***Transformers*** #55, ***Transformers: More Than Meets the Eye*** #55, and ***Transformers: Till All Are One*** #2.

The **Powerpuff Girls** are back in a big way at Cartoon Network with an all-new 40-episode series that premiered in April. We've got a new series, ***Powerpuff Girls*** #1, that takes place directly in the world of the new show with stories written by show writers **Jake Goldman** and **Haley Mancini** and drawn by **Derek Charm**. Ask your retailer about the extra-rare variant cover by **Jay Hasrajani**, one of the show's animators.

A hidden gem from IDW this month is ***Angora Napkin: Cuddle Core Collected Edition***. A 320-page collection of **Troy Little**'s cult-classic, Eisner-Nominated series that includes a DVD with the animated TV show that brings the characters to life.

Mickey Mouse Shorts: Season One #1 is based on the Disney TV animation by **Paul Rudish.** In the first issue, Mickey battles his way through a Tokyo bullet train during rush hour, an unlikely character competes in a dog show, and Donald suffers from… Flipperboobootosis?! This one also has a rare variant cover drawn by one of the shows animators, **Tara Billinger**.

EuroComics brings us one of my favorite titles, ***Alack Sinner***, by **Carlos Sampayo** and **Jose Muñoz**. This is the first of two volumes that will collect, for the first-time in English, all of the Alack Sinner comics by this legendary Argentinian team. Sinner is a hard-boiled private detective whose adventures are played out to a jazz soundtrack in a noir New York from 1975 through the 2000s. This one gets my highest recommendation.

Another one of my favorites is **Bill Sienkiewicz's *The New Mutants: Marvel Artist Select Series***. The title is a mouthful but this is the latest in the line of hardcover books we're doing with Marvel. Every copy is signed by Sienkiewicz, comes in a slipcover and is strictly limited to 999 copies. If you've read my other columns, you know that one of my sweet spots for comics is Marvel in the '70s and '80s and there's not much I like more than the issue collected here (***New Mutants*** #'s 18 to 31, as well as, a bonus story by **Chris Claremont** and **Sienkiewicz**).

While we're talking about Marvel, this month's Artist's Edition is ***Marvel Covers: The Modern Era***. There are two covers to choose from—a Spidey cover by **Todd McFarlane** and a Wolvie cover by **Sam Kieth**. Inside the book you'll find covers by Art Adams, J. Scott Campbell, Jim Lee, Sam Kieth, Todd McFarlane, John Romita, Jr., Joe Quesada, Marc Silvestri, and more.

IDW Games has ***Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Shadows of the Past***, designed by **Kevin Wilson**. This is a miniatures combat, scenario-driven campaign game that features story content from the IDW *TMNT* comic. Every game comes with more than 40 sculpted minis, 12 unique maps and over 100 cards featuring all-new art by **Tony Vargas**.

Wow, what a month. I can't wait for July to get here. See you in 30…

SON OF ULTRON